

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 23-2220-RULE

Proceeding to design the potential Clean Heat Standard	
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Order entered: 11/03/2023

ORDER SEEKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING REPORT

In Public Act 18 (2023 Vt., Bien. Sess.) (“Act 18”), the Vermont Legislature directed the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) to undertake the design of the proposed Clean Heat Standard and to present a proposed rule to the Legislature in 2025. Pursuant to Section 6(h) of Act 18, on or before February 15, 2024, the Commission must report to the General Assembly “on suggested revenue streams that may be used or created to fund the Commission’s administration of the Clean Heat Standard program and shall include programs to support market transformation such as workforce development, market uplift, and training that may be administered by a third party.”

The Commission requests comments on suggested revenue streams by no later than November 20, 2023. The Commission specifically requests comments and recommendations on the following topics:

- Funding proposals to support the Commission’s ongoing Act 18 work during FY25, including whether the State of Vermont General Fund is again an appropriate short-term funding source;¹
- Long-term funding proposals to support the Commission’s future administration of the Clean Heat Standard if the Legislature approves a final rule;
- Suggested revenue streams that may be used or created to fund programs to support market transformation;
- Whether the Commission’s report should also address funding for the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”), both for its Act 18 work in FY25

¹ Pursuant to Sections 7(b) and (d) of Act 18, \$825,000 and \$900,000, respectively, were appropriated from the General Fund during the 2024 Fiscal Year to enable the Commission’s and the Vermont Department of Public Service’s Act 18 activities. The Commission’s FY25 budget to perform Act 18 activities may exceed the FY24 appropriation for the Commission.

and in future years if a Clean Heat Standard is approved, and if so, whether the source(s) of funding should be the same as for the Commission; and

- Recommendations for further process, if any, to inform the Commission's funding report.

We note that Section 2 of Act 18 (Findings) paragraph (3) states:

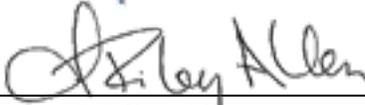
The Vermont Climate Council was established under the [Global Warming Solutions Act] and was tasked with, among other things, recommending necessary legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Initial Vermont Climate Action Plan calls for the General Assembly to adopt legislation authorizing the Public Utility Commission to administer the Clean Heat Standard consistent with the recommendations of the Energy Action Network's Clean Heat Standard Working Group.

The Energy Action Network's Clean Heat Standard whitepaper identifies a small surcharge on fossil-fuel sales to provide the funding necessary to support the Department's role in verification of compliance and evaluation.² We request that participants also address this proposal in their comments.

SO ORDERED.

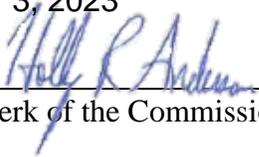
² Energy Action Network Clean Heat Standard Whitepaper at 58. See <https://www.eanvt.org/chs-whitepaper/>

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 3rd day of November, 2023.

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